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HOUSE BILL 855

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; CHANGING THE NUMBER OF PRECINCT WORKERS
REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 1-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 32, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-2-12. PRECINCT BOARD--NUMBER FOR EACH PRECINCT--
MULTIPARTISAN.--

A. When absentee ballots are counted, the precinct
board shall consist of:

- (1) a presiding judge;
- (2) one election judge from each of the major
political parties;
- (3) one election clerk from each of the major
political parties; and

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1 (4) if a major party has no registered,
2 qualified elector who is able to fill the position as election
3 judge or election clerk, a registered, qualified elector from
4 another major party, chosen by the county clerk to fill the
5 vacant position.

6 B. When one voting machine is to be used in a
7 precinct, the precinct board shall consist of:

8 (1) a presiding judge;

9 (2) two election judges who shall be of
10 different political parties; and

11 (3) one election clerk who shall be of a
12 different political party than the presiding judge.

13 C. When two voting machines are to be used in a
14 precinct, the precinct board shall consist of:

15 (1) a presiding judge;

16 (2) two election judges who shall be of
17 different political parties; and

18 (3) two election clerks who shall be of
19 different political parties.

20 D. When three voting machines are used in a
21 precinct, the precinct board shall consist of:

22 (1) a presiding judge;

23 (2) two election judges who shall be of
24 different political parties; and

25 (3) three election clerks, not more than two

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1 of whom shall belong to the same political party.

2 E. For school district elections held pursuant to
3 the School Election Law and special elections held pursuant to
4 Chapter 1, Article 24 NMSA 1978, the precinct board shall
5 consist of one presiding judge, one election judge and one
6 election clerk, unless the county clerk determines that
7 additional clerks are needed in a precinct.

8 [~~E.~~] F. If the county clerk determines that
9 additional election clerks are needed in a precinct, the county
10 clerk may appoint such additional election clerks as [~~he~~] the
11 county clerk deems necessary; provided, however, that such
12 appointments shall be made in the manner that provides for
13 representation from all major political parties.

14 [~~F.~~] G. In addition to the members of the precinct
15 board provided for in this section, the county clerk may
16 appoint an additional election clerk for the purpose of making
17 changes in the certificate of registration of any voter who has
18 voted in that election at the polling place."